U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of OSWALDO GARCIA <u>and</u> U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, POST OFFICE, Tampa, FL

Docket No. 98-1757; Submitted on the Record; Issued November 17, 1999

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before GEORGE E. RIVERS, MICHAEL E. GROOM, BRADLEY T. KNOTT

The issue is whether appellant sustained a recurrence of disability commencing March 18, 1997, causally related to his November 29, 1989 cervical sprain or left knee dislocation employment injuries.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved, the contentions of the parties on appeal and the entire case record. The Board finds that the March 16, 1998 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs' hearing representative is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the hearing representative.

Accordingly, the decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated March 16, 1998 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. November 17, 1999

> George E. Rivers Member

Michael E. Groom Alternate Member

Bradley T. Knott Alternate Member